

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
Gary K. Michelson, M.D.)
Serial No: 08/480,461))) Group Art Unit: 3764
Filed: June 7, 1995) Examiner: M. Brown
For: INSTRUMENTATION FOR THE SURGICAL CORRECTION OF HUMAN))
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a reply to the Office Action dated January 26, 2001 in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time to respond to the above office action.

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Respectfully submitted, MARTIN & FERRARO, LLP

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